

**A RESOLUTION**

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER "ABLE" MABLE THOMAS** and Sherry Dorsey  
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**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA GENTRIFICATION TASK FORCE; ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE TASK FORCE; REQUESTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW AND STUDY THE REPORT, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CODE AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Atlanta has a strong interest in economic growth within the City balanced by a stable and diverse community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council established the City of Atlanta Gentrification Task Force in February, 2000, by legislation # 00-R-0202 under the sponsorship of Council members Sherry Dorsey and "Able" Mable Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force was to examine the issues of gentrification and affordable housing and make recommendations regarding the public policies of the City of Atlanta that would lessen the negative impacts while preserving the benefits of gentrification; and

**WHEREAS**, it adopted the following mission statement: to create a report containing a comprehensive plan addressing gentrification that will preserve affordable housing in the City of Atlanta while encouraging the economic growth of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gentrification Task Force has completed such report, copies of which have been transmitted to the Council President and all Council members; and

**WHEREAS**, said report contains forty (40) recommendations to preserve and improve housing opportunities for all of its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Atlanta City Council expresses its appreciation to members of the City of Atlanta Gentrification Task Force for their work, time and service.

**SECTION 2:** That the Gentrification Task Force Report, which is attached hereto, is hereby accepted.

**SECTION 3:** That the Mayor or his designee is hereby requested to direct the appropriate city departments to review and study the report, and to make appropriate code amendment recommendations.

A true copy,

*Thanda Daykin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

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NOV 27, 2001



# ***A CITY FOR ALL***

**Report of the Gentrification Task Force**

**Atlanta City Council**

**September 17, 2001**

*A City For All*

**The Report of the Gentrification Task Force  
Atlanta City Council  
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**Volume I**

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## Preface

In response to multiple signs that the pace of gentrification had recently expanded – rapidly increasing housing prices, dramatic rises in condominium conversions, racial conflicts between long term and newer residents, decreasing availability of affordable housing and displacement of existing households – the Atlanta City Council created the Gentrification Task Force to examine the issue and make recommendations regarding government policies that would ameliorate the negative effects while preserving the benefits of gentrification.

Composed of volunteer residents appointed within 13 of the 15 City Council districts, the Task Force first convened in September 2000. Over the following 12 months the Task Force held twenty separate public meetings. Research assistance was provided by the City of Atlanta's Department of Planning, Neighborhood Conservation and Development, the Law Department, and by students in the Graduate Program in City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University School of Law. Public hearings on citizen perspectives on gentrification and appropriate policies as well as preliminary recommendations under consideration by the Task Force were held on five occasions at different locations throughout the City. This report is the culmination of hours of volunteer work, research assistance and public participation.

The work of a local government Task Force composed of volunteers is quintessential public service. It reflects a tremendous commitment to service to the larger common good of our City. Ms. Valena Henderson served as Vice-Chair of the Task Force, and Ms. Peggy Harper served as Secretary – both investing countless hours in keeping us on track and in managing extensive documents and records. Ms. Lynda Marie Harris of the City of Atlanta's Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Conservation provided invaluable staff assistance in each phase of our work. Professor Frank Alexander and Professor Larry Keating served as principal authors of the final Task Force Report.

This report sets forth forty (40) separate recommendations, each designed to affirm and enhance the presence of housing opportunities in the City of Atlanta for all of its residents. Most of the recommendations are entirely within the authority of the City, and can be addressed by immediate action. Some of the recommendations will require legislative initiatives at the state level. The most important single recommendation is the adoption, as a matter of City policy, of the definition of Affordable Housing as the focus of all City programs addressing housing in any way. It is our hope that this report will assist the City of Atlanta in becoming a city for all.

Professor Larry Keating, Chair  
Gentrification Task Force

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## **City Council Resolution**

### **A RESOLUTION BY**

**COUNCILMEMBERS SHERRY DORSEY AND MABLE THOMAS**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL  
CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADDRESSING GENTRIFICATION  
THAT WILL PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF  
ATLANTA WHILE ENCOURAGING THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE  
CITY OF ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOODS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is interested in continuing to encourage new residents in areas where gentrification is taking place while not discouraging the maintenance of long term residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a significant interest in insuring a stable and diverse community; and

WHERE, the governing body of the City of Atlanta has a significant interest in maintaining and controlling growth within the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta seeks to be responsive to those who have requested that the City adequately address the needs of these evolving neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA:**

- 1) By April 3, 2000 each district council member and each at-large council member shall appoint one person to serve on the gentrification task force for a term of 2 years to serve scheduled to begin after council confirmation;
- 2) The representatives of the task force will create a comprehensive plan addressing gentrification that will preserve affordable housing in the city of Atlanta while encouraging the economic growth of city of Atlanta neighborhoods;
- 3) That the task force study and report on economic development and gentrification in the city's neighborhoods;
- 4) That the task force periodically report to the Council recommendations of the task force and recommend legislation if necessary;
- 5) That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

City Council Resolution 00-R-0202, adopted as amended by the City Council  
February 21, 2000, Approved as per City Charter Section 2-403, March 1, 2000.

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